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Minutes 04/05/2010

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30PM O'Neill Room Community Safety Building
 4/5/10

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*		Bayer*	Phelps*	Dunn*
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Olszewski*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan	
Ferrara*	Franclemont*	Jones*	Deshler*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Turkall*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Vicki Ford, Anne Thompson, Barbara Goodman, Richard Corredera

USE OF RESERVES: Thompson, using a handout & screen projector, discussed the impact of reduced reserves on financial ratings. She showed that there is little effect based on a variety of measures. She showed a high correlation between home prices and ratings as well as home prices and MCAS scores. She also pointed out how much larger new growth has been than the amount budgeted. Ford showed a budget summary based on the Manager's 2/11 handout w/ \$550k withdrawn from the Tip Fee Stab Fund & applied to the school budget giving the schools a 3% increase over FY10. A spirited discussion followed. When asked would this reward intransigent unions, Ford said children come first. When asked what effect this would have on school budget, Ford said she needed the info promised for Wed.

ART 28 ACCEPT PENSION LEGISLATION: No legislation as yet. Report at Twn Mtg.

ART 33 & 34 TOWN GOVT CONSOLIDATION: Tosti will circulate the committee's recommendation.

ART 62 SCHOLARSHIP FUND EXPENSES: No information provided. These expenses have traditionally been paid from Treasurer's budget. VOTED No action. Unanimous.

ART 58 MM TECH FEASIBILITY: DeCoursey is gathering information. Will recommend a vote on Wed.

BUD 7 TREASURER: Finances SubCom(Carman) Made several changes to the budget book, most suggested by department. He also recommended reducing overtime since the labor saving innovations such as the lock box & online payments should reduce the quarterly pressure. VOTED \$577,464, Unanimous.

BUD 8 POSTAGE: Finances SubCom(Carman) recommended the budget as printed. He suggested a study of reducing postage costs through use of internet facilities. VOTED \$156,796 Unanimous.

BUD 13 PARKING: Finances SubCom(Carman) recommended the budget as printed. VOTED \$106,460 Unanimous.

BUD 24 INSURANCE: Finances SubCom(McGaffigan), using a handout, with a number of updates based on more recent info on actual expenses. He pointed out that this budget does not account for teacher layoff expenses. VOTED \$19,367,863 Unanimous.

BUD 25 RESERVE FUND: VOTED \$600,000, same as FY10. Unanimous.

W&S EF: PubWks SubCom(Ferrara) Reviewed this fund in detail using a handout rework of the budget book. He had studied Bean's worksheet implementing the Sullivan & Powers report on work done for the EF by other departments. He thinks it is ok. The offsets in other budgets do match the W&S expenses. He noted that MWRA charges will increase steeply in coming years. He also noted that field irrigation maintenance is a new W&S expense. VOTED \$16,733,559 Unanimous.

COMMITTEE

The agenda for past & future meetings may be found at www.arlingtonma.gov/fincom

RESERVE FUND BALANCE \$508,915.92

Peter B Howard 4/1/10 Revised 4/7/10

cc FinCom Members, Library File, Town Web Site, FinCom Web Site

VOTE SUMMARY – Articles

# 2/10	#	#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
20			PAYT	3/17	3/31	Limited support 13-5
24			Tax Checkoff for CoA Transportation	2/24	3/1	No report
26			Double Pole Home Rule Legis			BoS
28			Pension Liability Funding			Report at Twn Mtg
29			Transfer Crosby	3/17	3/31	No report
30			Transfer Parmenter	3/17	3/31	No report
31			Sell Crosby	3/17	3/31	No report
32			Sell Parmenter	3/17	3/31	No report
33			Accept Law Consolidate Twn & Sch Admin			BoS
34			Consolidate Twn & Sch Admin			BoS
36			Dog Control	3/1		BoS
37			Compensation of Selectmen	3/17	3/31	No action
39			Addtional Warrant Article notification	3/1		No report
47			Collective Bargaining	3/17	3/17	No action
48			Future Collective Bargaining			
49			Salary Adjustment Elected Officials	3/17	3/17	No action
50			Positions Reclassification	3/31	3/31	\$7,888
51			Vacation Time Bylaw	3/17	3/17	Support
52			Budgets	NA	NA	See next page

53	Capital Budget	3/15	3/15	\$7,959,673
54	Rescind authority to borrow			
55	Sewers	3/17	3/17	\$650,000
56	Water	3/17	3/17	\$1,300,000
57	Minuteman Tech	2/22	3/31	\$2,739,795
58	Minuteman Tech Bond Authorization	2/22, 3/17,31		
59	Committees & Commissions	2/17, 3/1	2/17, 3/1	\$14,760, \$3000 for ARC
60	Celebrations			
61	Misc Appropriations	3/17	3/17	\$16,337
62	Scholarship Fund Expenses	4/5	4/5	No action
63	Pension Adjustment	3/31	3/31	favorable action
64	Safe Routes to School	3/17	3/17	\$0 funded by grant
65	Harry Barber Service Program	2/24	3/31	No action
66	Minuteman Senior Services	2/24	3/31	No action
67	Social Worker	2/24	3/31	18,179
68	Traffic Supervisors	2/24	2/24	No action
69	Water Bodies	2/17	2/17	\$15,000
70	Uncle Sam	2/17	3/1	No action
71	Restore Trees	2/17	3/1, 3/17	No action, Desheler comment
72	Local Option Taxes	3/31	3/31	No action
73	OPEB	3/31	3/31	498,313
74	Tip Fee Stab Fund	3/31	3/31	680,000
75	Transfer of Cemetery Funds			
76	Overlay Reserve	3/31	3/31	500,000
77	Stabilization Fund	3/31	3/31	1,580,000+
78	Free Cash	3/31	3/31	582,051
STM3	FY10 Appropriations & Budget Transfers	3/17	3/17	No action
STM4	Fire Station Renovation	3/15	3/15	\$4,950,000
STM5	Community Safety Renovations	3/15		

VOTE SUMMARY-Budgets

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Amount	Vote Unlisted votes were unanimous
1	FinCom	2/22	2/22	10,988	
2	Board of Selectmen	3/24	3/24	359,633	
3	Town Manager	3/8	3/8	417,916	
4	Personnel	3/15	3/15	\$177,896	

5	Information Technology	2/22	2/22	491,878	
6	Comptroller	2/22	2/22	399,044	
7	Treasurer	4/5	4/5	577,464	
8	Postage	4/5	4/5	156,796	
9	Assessors				
10	Legal	3/1	3/1	409,316	
11	Town Clerk	3/8	3/8	234,810	
12	Registrar of Voters	3/8	3/8	59,873	
13	Parking	4/5	4/5	106,460	
14	Planning	3/8	3/8	231,352	
15	Redevelopment Board	3/8	3/8	270,454	
16	Zoning Board of Appeals	2/24	2/24	23,890	
17	Public Works	3/24	3/24	6,595,734	
17g	Street Lights	3/8	3/8	418,893	
18a	Community Safety Admin	3/24	3/24	386,246	
18b	Police	3/24	3/24	5,687,196	
18c	Fire	3/1	3/1	5,463,081	15-1
18d	Support	3/24	3/24	708,384	
19	Inspections	3/8	3/8	367,894	
20	Education	3/29			
21	Library	2/22	2/22	1,888,852	12-1
22a	Health & Human Services	3/24	3/24	287,436	
22b	Veterans	3/15	3/15	326,568	
22c	COA	3/15	3/24	148,928	
23	Retirement	3/8	3/8	7,003,065	
24	Insurance	4/5	4/5	19,367,863	
25	Reserve Fund		4/5	600,000	=
W&S EF	Rev 16733559 Exp 16733559	4/5	4/5	0	
Rec EF					
Rnk EF					
COA EF		3/24			
Youth EF		3/24			

